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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

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Examiner: Peter V. Agustin

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For: INFORMATION RECORDING AND REPRODUCING SYSTEM ENABLING A SELECTION OF WHETHER OR NOT TO PERFORM AN INTERRUPTION AND RESUMPTION OF A DATA-RECORDING

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

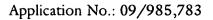
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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the election of species requirement set forth in the Office Action dated February 25, 2004. Applicant provisionally elects, Group a, FIGS. 1-8, for continued examination. At least claims 1-4 are readable on the elected species.

As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of generic claim 1, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to not more than two species in addition to the elected species, provided that all claims to each additional species are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.146.







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An action on the merits of all the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

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